

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the current text building unit is neither a content text building unit nor an operator text building unit, then the modifier determining circuit ~~150~~160 is activated to determine if the current text building unit is a modifier text building unit. A modifier text building unit provides context setting information for information encoded further along in the text.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Once all of the text building units have been assigned a text building unit type, control jumps to step S230, where a first text building unit is selected and inserted into a structural representation of discourse as a root node. In the exemplary embodiment, the structural representation is a right open tree. Then, in step S240, a next text building unit is selected as the current text building unit. Next, in step S250, the node to attach to is selected from one of the nodes already in the tree. It will be apparent that, as the number of nodes linked into the structural representation of discourse increases, the number of nodes that may be selected to attach to also increases. As discussed above, the potential attachment points may be provided to a user in the form of a constrained list of nodes in the structural representation of discourse. Ambiguities with respect to the appropriate attachment point may be indicated by a characteristic such as color, font, size or any other characteristic of nodes in the structural representation of discourse. Certain texts may exploit ambiguity in the genre. For example, poetry writing is a form of writing that might be analyzed by with the Linguistic Discourse Model Analyzer 100. In poetry, the ambiguity may be used to communicate meaning at multiple levels. The Linguistic Discourse Model Analyzer 100 permits the analysis of these ambiguities through the use of visual cues and information encoding in the structural

representation of discourse for the ambiguous nodes. After ~~the~~ a node to attach to is selected from the list of valid attachment points, control continues to step S260.